

# Airvolt

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Testing

Test Flow

LAB: Bench

LAB: Function

LAB: Accuracy

LAB: Load Cell

GVT

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Full: Software

Full: FMET

Lessons

# Testing

- Build Up Test Approach
  - Test often and integrate segments early
  - Use full length cables
  - Ensure best practices implemented and verified
    - Grounding/shielding
    - Calibration verification
    - Software/hardware integration
    - Structural modes
    - Manual safety, auto shutdown, software shutdown

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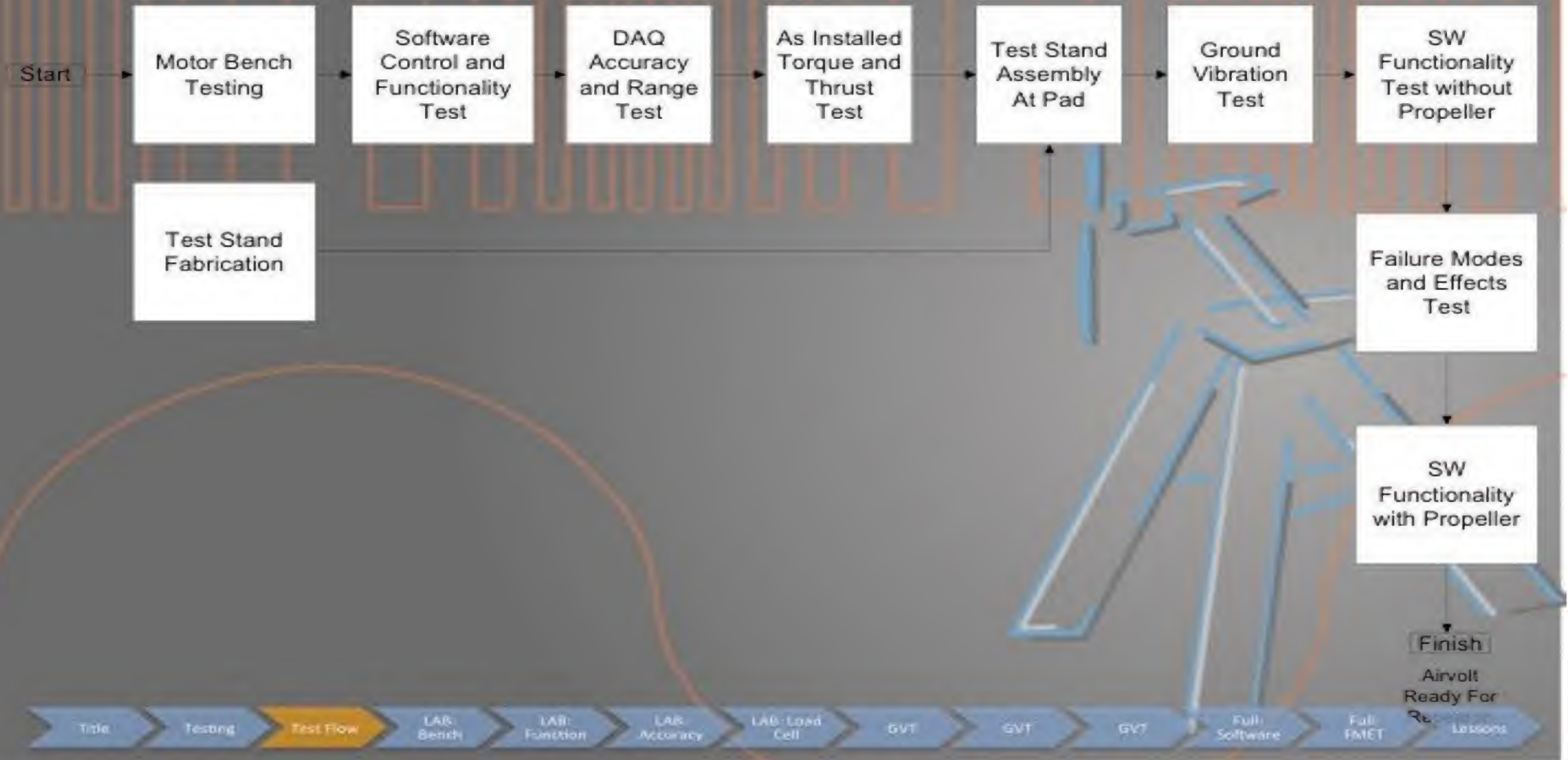
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# Bench Level Test

- Verify functionality
  - Control
  - Charging
- Better understand system



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# Software Control and Functionality

- Control with software
  - CAN Protocol
  - Test software command functions
    - RPM command
    - Canned profile
    - Built in Tests
- Utilizes full cable lengths
- Verifies sensors and their calibrations
- Lab hardware and software integration
  - Found issues with auto shutdown logic
- Gooseneck ground vibration/ping test with motor





# DAQ Accuracy Test

- Verify each A/D channel is within requirement specifications
- Calibrator used to send test signal
  - Low, medium and high ranges tested
  - Air conditioner used
    - Temperature changes affect accuracy

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# Load Cell Test

- Verify installed configuration of thrust and load cell
  - Friction in thrust setup
  - Resulted in removing pillow block
    - Secondary support structure



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# Pad Testing: Ground Vibration Test

- Determine fundamental modes of structure
  - Data used to develop FEM model
  - Model can be used for new motor implementation



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# Ground Vibration Test

- Test Setup
  - GVT conducted outside
  - Rigid boundary condition - test stand bolted to concrete pad
  - 55 accelerometer locations, measuring 165 accel responses
  - 3 shaker excitations locations

## Locations, Directions & Sensor Types

- |               |                              |   |
|---------------|------------------------------|---|
| ● X, Y, or Z  | Uniaxial, Endevco 7251A      |   |
| ● X, Y, and Z | Triaxial, PCB T356A16        |  |
| ● X, Y, or Z  | Excitation (Shaker & Hammer) |   |



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# Ground Vibration Test

- Baseline Configuration Results
- Potential motor throttle settings of concern, “Dwell Keep Out Zone”
  - Motor throttle setting & GVT frequencies may vary due to propeller influence





# Full Configuration Test

- With and without propeller
  - Use of control room
  - Identified EMI issues with propeller
    - Standard aircraft grounding and shielding processes implemented
    - More power draw
    - Data bias and noise
    - Affects auto shutdown
    - More testing underway to address/mitigate EMI issue



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# Failure Modes and Effects Test

- Identify weaknesses or deficiencies
- Verify safety features
  - Emergency software shutdown
  - Manual shutoff
  - Loss of communication link
  - Loss of power/ Uninterruptable Power Supply endurance



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# Lessons Learned

- Early testing on bench level identified
  - Incorrect calibration
  - Shutdown logic implementation
  - Incorrect wiring
  - Load cell friction within setup/design
- Full configuration pad testing
  - Determine structural modes
  - Safety shutdown systems
  - EMI issues
- What would we have done differently?
  - Apply load on motor in bench configuration

